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SUBJECT: VIETNAMESE PARTICIPANTS UNDER USG SPONSORSHIP IN
THAILAND

REF: A) BANGKOK 7377 B) BANGKOK 7836

C) BANGKOK 9405 D) STATE 121494

E) BANGKOK 11169 F) STATE 143368

G) BANGKOK 11887 H) STATE 145762

I) STATE 133652

SUMMARY: THERE ARE NOW 35 VIETNAMESE STUDYING IN THAILAND
UNDER USOM SPONSORSHIP. THESE VIETNAMESE WERE ISSUED VISAS
BY THE ROYAL THAI GOVERNMENT AT THE REQUEST OF THE UNITED
STATES GOVERNMENT, AND WE ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR THEIR DEPARTURE
FROM THAILAND AFTER THEY HAVE COMPLETED THEIR TRAINING. UNHCR
WILL TAKE RESPONSIBILITY FOR THOSE WHO WISH TO RETURN TO
VIETNAM. FOR THOSE WHO WANT TO GO TO THE UNITED STATES AND
DO NOT FALL INTO CURRENT PAROLE CATEGORIES, WE NEED AUTHORIZ-
ATION FOR PAROLE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. END SUMMARY.

1. REFS. A, B, AND C DISCUSSED THE TRAINING OF 35
VIETNAMESE PARTICIPANTS IN THAILAND; 30 OF THEM STUDYING
VETERINARY MEDICINE (DVM), THREE STUDYING GRAIN AND
SORGHUM PRODUCTION AND TWO STUDYING PHARMACOLOGY.

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REF. D PROVIDED GENERAL POLICY GUIDELINES AND ADVISED

USOM TO COUNSEL THE PARTICIPANTS IN THEIR EFFORTS TO ESTABLISH IMMIGRANT STATUS IN THE U.S. OR OTHER COUNTRIES BUT PROVIDED NO SPECIFIC GUIDELINES AS TO ELIGIBILITY FOR PAROLE. THIS REFERENCE ALSO INFORMED USOM THAT THE PARTICIPANTS COULD REMAIN IN TRAINING ONLY AS LONG AS PRESENTLY OBLIGATED FUNDS WERE UNEXPENDED.

2. THE THREE PARTICIPANTS STUDYING GRAIN AND SORGHUM PRODUCTION HAVE COMPLETED THEIR PROGRAM AND HAVE APPLIED TO UNHCR FOR ASSISTANCE IN RETURNING TO SAIGON. THE TRAINING COSTS OF THE TWO MEDICAL DOCTORS STUDYING PHARMACOLOGY ARE BEING PAID BY THE AMA AND USOM UNDERSTANDS THAT THEY ARE FUNDED THROUGH THE COMPLETION OF THEIR PROGRAM IN SEPTEMBER 1975.

3. THERE IS AN URGENT PROBLEM PERTAINING TO DVM STUDENTS. BECAUSE ADDITIONAL FUNDS COULD NOT BE OBLIGATED TO COMPLETE THE TRAINING OF THESE PARTICIPANTS, USOM RECOMMENDED (PARA 6 OF REF. E) AND THE DEPARTMENT AGREED (REF. H) THAT THE FUNDS OBLIGATED FOR GROUP IV (20 PARTICIPANTS) SHOULD BE APPLIED TO COMPLETE THE TRAINING OF GROUP III (10 PARTICIPANTS). SINCE THE 20 PARTICIPANTS IN GROUP IV WILL BE OFF TRAINING STATUS AFTER THE END OF JUNE AND USOM WILL HAVE NO FUNDS TO SUPPORT THEM, WE WILL NEED AUTHORITY TO MOVE THEM OUT OF THAILAND AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

4. WE REQUEST AUTHORIZATION TO GRANT PAROLE FOR THOSE PARTICIPANTS WHO WISH TO GO TO THE UNITED STATES AND WHO DO NOT FIT INTO CURRENT PAROLE CATEGORIES (REF. I). THEY ARE ALL CLEARLY OUR RESPONSIBILITY. WE WOULD APPRECIATE A REPLY AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. WHITEHOUSE

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